Please enter amended claims 2-6, 8-10, 12, 16, 22, 28-30, 144, and 146-147.

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2. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where R_1 is:

$$-(CH_2)_{0-1}-(R_{1-aryl})$$

where R_N is:

 $R_{N-1} \! - \! X_N \! - \! where \; X_N$ is selected from the group consisting of:

$$-CO-$$
, and

$$-SO_2-$$

where R_{N-1} is $-R_{N-aryl}$;

where RA is:

 $-C_1-C_8$ alkyl,

 $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-(C_3-C_7)$ cycloalkyl,

 $-(CR_{A-x}R_{A-y})_{0-4}-R_{A-aryl}$

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to $R_{\mathtt{A-aryl}}$,

or

-C=OR $_7$, where R $_7$ is

 $C_1 - C_6$ alkyl,

phenyl,

thioalkoxyalkyl,

(aryl)alkyl,

cycloalkyl,

cycloalkylalkyl,
hydroxyalkyl,
alkoxyalkyl,
aryloxyalkyl,
haloalkyl,
carboxyalkyl,
), with the provis

where X is -N or -O, with the proviso that when X is O, R_B is absent; and when X is N,

R_B is:

 $-C_1-C_8$ alkyl,

-(CH₂)₀₋₃-(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl

 $-(CR_{A-x}R_{A-y})_{0-4}-R_{A-aryl}$

-cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl ring fused to R_{A-aryl} .

3. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 2 where R_1 is:

where R_2 is -H;

where R_3 is -H;

where R_N is:

 $R_{N-1}-X_N-$ where X_N is:

-CO-,

where R_{N-1} is $-R_{N-aryl}$,

where RA is:

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-C_1-C_8 \ alkyl, -(CH_2)_{0-3}-(C_3-C_7) \ cycloalkyl, -(CR_{A-x}R_{A-y})_{0-4}-R_{A-aryl}, -cyclopentyl \ or \ -cyclohexyl \ ring \ fused \ to \ R_{A-aryl}, -cyclopentyl \ or \ -cyclohexyl \ ring \ fused \ to \ R_{A-aryl}, -C=OR_7, \ where \ R_7 \ is C_1 \ - C_6 \ alkyl, (aryl)alkyl, (aryl)alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkyl,
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 $\label{eq:where X is -N or -O, with the proviso that when X is \\ \text{O, } R_B \text{ is absent;}$

and when X is N,

R_B is:

 $-C_1-C_8$ alkyl,

-(CH₂)₀₋₃-(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl,

 $-(CR_{B-x}R_{B-y})_{0-4}-R_{B-aryl}$,

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to R_{B-aryl}.

4. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 3, where $R_{\mathtt{A}}$ is:

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 $-\left(CR_{A-x}R_{A-y}\right)_{0-4}-R_{A-aryl},$

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to R_{A-aryl} , or

-C=OR $_7$, where R $_7$ is

 $C_1 - C_6$ alkyl,

cycloalkyl,

cycloalkylalkyl

alkoxyalkyl,

haloalkyl,

where R_{B} is:

 $-(CR_{B-x}R_{B-y})_{0-4}-R_{B-aryl}$, or

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to R_{B-aryl} .

- 5. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where $\ensuremath{R_{1}}$ is
 - $-(CH_2)-(R_{1-aryl})$ where R_{1-aryl} is phenyl.
- 6. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where $\ensuremath{\text{R}}_1$ is
- -(CH2)-(R1-ary1) where R1-ary1 is phenyl substituted with two -F.
- 8. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where R_2 is -H.



- 9. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where $R_{\rm 3}$ is -H.
- 10. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where R_{N} is

 $R_{N-1}-X_N-$ where X_N is -CO-, where R_{N-1} is R_{N-aryl} where R_{N-aryl} is phenyl substituted with one -CO-NR_{N-2}R_{N-3} where the substitution on phenyl is 1,3-.

12. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where R_{N} is

 $R_{N-1}-X_N-$ where X_N is-CO-, where R_{N-1} is R_{N-aryl} where R_{N-aryl} is phenyl substituted with one C_1 alkyl and with one -CO-NR_{N-2}R_{N-3} where the substitution on the phenyl is 1,3,5-.

16. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where R_{A} is:

- $(CR_{A-x}R_{A-y})_{0-4}-R_{A-aryl}$ where R_{A-aryl} is phenyl,

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to a $R_{\text{A-aryl}}$.

22. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where $R_{\mbox{\scriptsize B}}$ is:

- $(CR_{B-x}R_{B-y})_{0-4}$ - R_{B-aryl} where R_{B-aryl} is phenyl,

-cyclopentyl or -cyclohexyl ring fused to a R_{B-aryl}.

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- 28. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148, where $R_{\mbox{\scriptsize B}}$ is absent.
- 29. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 chosen from the group consisting of:

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-(N'-methyl-N'-phenyl-hydrazino)-propyl]-5-methyl-N', N'-dipropyl-isophthalamide,

 $N-\{1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[N'-methyl-N'-(4-methyl-pentanoyl)-hydrazino]-propyl\}-5-methyl-N',N'-dipropyl-isophthalamide, and$

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-phenoxyamino-propyl]-5-methyl-N', N'-dipropyl-isophthalamide.

30. (Amended) A substituted amine according to claim 148 where the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is selected from the group consisting of salts of the following acids acetic, aspartic, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, bicarbonic, bisulfuric, bitartaric, butyric, calcium edetate, camsylic, carbonic, chlorobenzoic, citric, edetic, edisylic, estolic, esyl, esylic, formic, fumaric, gluceptic, gluconic, glutamic, glycollylarsanilic, hexamic, hexylresorcinoic, hydrabamic,

hydrobromic, hydrochloric, hydroiodic, hydroxynaphthoic, isethionic, lactic, lactobionic, maleic, malic, malonic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, methylnitric, methylsulfuric, mucic, muconic, napsylic, nitric, oxalic, p-nitromethanesulfonic, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, monohydrogen phosphoric, dihydrogen phosphoric, phthalic, polygalactouronic, propionic, salicylic, stearic, succinic, sulfamic, sulfanilic, sulfonic, sulfuric, tannic, tartaric, teoclic and toluenesulfonic.

144. (Amended) A composition comprising a compound of formula XV

where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_N , R_A , R_B , and X are as defined in claim 148; and an inert diluent or edible carrier.

146. (Amended) A composition comprising a compound of formula ${\tt XV}$

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where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_N , R_A , R_B , and X are as defined in claim 148; and an binder, excipient, disintegrating agent, lubricant, or gildant.

147. (Amended) A composition comprising a compound of formula ${\sf XV}$

where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_N , R_A , R_B , and X are as defined in claim 148, disposed in a cream, ointment, or patch.

148. (New) A substituted amine of formula (XV)

where R_1 is $-(CH_2)_{n1}-(R_{1-aryl})$ where n_1 is zero or one and where R_{1-aryl} is phenyl, optionally substituted with one, two, three, or four of the following substituents on the aryl ring:

(A) $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of

 C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF $_3$, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, and -NR $_{1-a}$ R $_{1-b}$ where R $_{1-a}$ and R $_{1-b}$ -H or C_1-C_6 alkyl,

(B) C_2 - C_6 alkenyl with one or two double bonds, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, and -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are -H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

(C) C_2 - C_6 alkynyl with one or two triple bonds, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, and -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are -H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

- (D) -F, Cl, -Br or -I,
- (F) $-C_1-C_6$ alkoxy optionally substituted with one, two, or three of: -F,
- (G) $-\mathrm{NR}_{N-2}R_{N-3}$ where R_{N-2} and R_{N-3} are as defined below,
 - (H) OH
 - (I) -C≡N,
- (J) C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N,

-CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, and -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are -H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

- (K) $-CO-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$,
- (L) $-SO_2-NR_{1-a}R_{1-b}$ where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,
- (M) -CO-NR $_{1\text{--}a}R_{1\text{--}b}$ where $R_{1\text{--}a}$ and $R_{1\text{--}b}$ are as defined above, or
 - (N) $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl})$,

where R_2 is:

(I)-H

(II) C_1-C_3 alkyl, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH,

-SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, and -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

where R₃ is:

(I)-H

(II) C_1-C_3 alkyl, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH,

-SH, -C \equiv N, -CF $_3$, C $_1$ -C $_3$ alkoxy, and -NR $_{1-a}$ R $_{1-b}$ where R $_{1-a}$ and R $_{1-b}$ are as defined above,

where R_N is $R_{N-1} \! - \! X_N \! - \!$ where X_N is selected from the group consisting of:

- (A) -CO-,
- (B) -SO₂-,
- (C) $-(CR'R'')_{1-6}$ where R' and R" are the same or different and are -H or C_1-C_4 alkyl,
 - (E) a single bond;

where R_{N-1} is R_{N-aryl} where R_{N-aryl} is phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, tetralinyl, indanyl, dihydronaphthyl or 6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[a]cycloheptenyl, or dihydronaphthyl optionally substituted with one, two or three of the following substituents which can be the same or different and are:

(1) C_1 - C_6 alkyl, optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, and -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

- (2) -OH,
- $(3) NO_2$,
- (4) -F, -Cl, -Br, or -I,
- (5) -CO-OH,
- (6) $-C \equiv N$,
- $(7) \ (\text{CH}_2)_{\,0-4} \text{CO-NR}_{N-2} R_{N-3} \ \text{where} \ R_{N-2} \ \text{and} \ R_{N-3} \ \text{are}$ the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of:



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(b) $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with one substitutent selected from the group consisting of:

(i) -OH, and

(ii) $-NH_2$,

(c) $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with one to three -F, -Cl, -Br, or -I,

(d) $-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl,

(e) $-(C_1-C_2 \text{ alkyl})-(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})$,

(f) $-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}) - O - (C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyl})$,

(g) $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl with one or two

double bonds,

(h) $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl with one or two

triple bonds,

 $\mbox{(i)} \ \ \mbox{-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl chain with one double}$ bond and one triple bond,

(j) $-R_{1-aryl}$ where R_{1-aryl} is as defined

above, and

(k) $-R_{1-heteroaryl}$ where $R_{1-heteroaryl}$ is as

defined above,

(8) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO-(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$,

(9) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO-(C_2-C_{12} \text{ alkenyl})$ with one, two

or three double bonds,

(10) - (CH₂)₀₋₄-CO-(C₂-C₁₂ alkynyl) with one,

two or three triple bonds,

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(11) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO-(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})$,

(12) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO-R_{1-aryl}$ where R_{1-aryl} is as

defined above,

 $(13) \ \ \text{-}(\text{CH}_2)_{\,\text{0-4}}\text{-}\text{CO-R}_{\text{1-heteroaryl}} \ \text{where} \ R_{\text{1-heteroaryl}} \ \text{is}$ as defined above,

 $\label{eq:charge} \text{(14) -(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO-R_{1-heterocycle}} \ \ \text{where} \ \ R_{1-heterocycle}$ is as defined above,

(15) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$ -CO- R_{N-4} where R_{N-4} is selected from the group consisting of morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, homomorpholinyl, homothiomorpholinyl S-oxide, homothiomorpholinyl S,S-dioxide, pyrrolinyl and pyrrolidinyl where each group is optionally substituted with one, two, three, or four of C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

(16) $-(\text{CH}_2)_{\,0\text{--}4}\text{--CO-O-R}_{N-5}$ where R_{N-5} is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) C_1-C_6 alkyl,

(b) $\text{-(CH}_2)_{\,0\text{--}2}\text{-(R}_{1\text{-aryl}})$ where $\text{R}_{1\text{-aryl}}$ is as

defined above,

(c) C_2 - C_6 alkenyl containing one or two

double bonds,

(d) C_2 - C_6 alkynyl containing one or two

triple bonds,

(e) C_{3} - C_{7} cycloalkyl, and

(f) $-(CH_2)_{0-2}-(R_{1-heteroaryl})$ where $R_{1-heteroaryl}$

is as defined above,

 $\label{eq:ch2} (17) \mbox{ -(CH$_2$)$}_{0-4} - SO_2 - NR_{N-2}R_{N-3} \mbox{ where } R_{N-2} \mbox{ and } R_{N-3}$ are as defined above,

(18)
$$-(CH_2)_{0-4}-SO-(C_1-C_8 \text{ alkyl})$$
,

(19)
$$-(CH_2)_{0-4}-SO_{2-}(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$$
,

$$(20) - (CH2)0-4 - SO2 - (C3 - C7$$

cycloalkyl),

(21) -(CH₂)₀₋₄-N(H or R_{N-5})-CO-O-R_{N-5} where R_{N-5} can be the same or different and is as defined above,

(22) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H \text{ or } R_{N-5})-CO-N(R_{N-5})_2$, where

 R_{N-5} can be the same or different and is as defined above,

 $(23) \ -(CH_2)_{0-4}-N-CS-N\left(R_{N-5}\right)_2 \text{, where } R_{N-5} \text{ can be}$ the same or different and is as defined above,

 $(24) - (CH_2)_{0-4} - N \, (-H \mbox{ or } R_{N-5}) - CO - R_{N-2} \mbox{ where } R_{N-5}$ and R_{N-2} can be the same or different and are as defined above,

(25) -(CH₂) $_{0-4}$ -NR_{N-2}R_{N-3} where R_{N-2} and R_{N-3} can be the same or different and are as defined above,

(26) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-R_{N-4}$ where R_{N-4} is as defined

(27)
$$-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-CO-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$$
,

 $(28) \ -(CH_2)_{0-4} - O - P(O) - (OR_{N-aryl-1})_2 \ \ where \ \ R_{N-aryl-1}$ is -H or $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl,

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above,

(29) $\text{-(CH}_2)_{\,0\text{--}4}\text{-O-CO-N}\,(R_{\text{N--}5})_{\,2}$ where $R_{\text{N--}5}$ is as

defined above,

(30) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-CS-N(R_{N-5})_2$ where R_{N-5} is as

defined above,

(31) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(R_{N-5})_2$ where R_{N-5} is as

defined above,

(32) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(R_{N-5})_2-COOH$ where R_{N-5} is as

defined above,

(33) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S-(R_{N-5})_2$ where R_{N-5} is as

defined above,

(34) - (CH₂)₀₋₄-O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally

substituted with one, two, three, four, or five -F),

(35) C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl,

(36) C_2 - C_6 alkenyl with one or two double bonds optionally substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, or -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(37) C_2 - C_6 alkynyl with one or two triple bonds optionally substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, or -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

 $(38) - (CH_2)_{0-4} - N \, (-H \ or \ R_{N-5}) - SO_2 - R_{N-2} \ where \ R_{N-5}$ and R_{N-2} can be the same or different and are as described above, or

(39) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl,

where RA is:

(I)-C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃ alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, -C \equiv N, -CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -O-phenyl, -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, -OC=0 NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, -S(=O)₀₋₂ R_{1-a} where R_{1-a} is as defined above, - NR_{1-a}C=O NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, and -S(=O)₂ NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, and -S(=O)₂ NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(II) $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl where cycloalkyl can be optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, -O-phenyl, -CO-OH, -CO-O- $(C_1-C_4$ alkyl), and $-NR_{1-a}R_{1-b}$ where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(III) -(CRA-xRA-y)0-4-RA-aryl where RA-x and RA-y are

- (A) -H
- (B) $C_1 C_4$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two -OH,
- (C) C_1-C_4 alkoxy optionally substituted with one, two, or three of: -F,
 - (D) $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl,

- (E) $C_2\text{--}C_6$ alkenyl containing one or two double bonds,
- (F) $C_2\text{--}C_6$ alkynyl containing one or two triple bonds,

(G) phenyl,

and where R_{A-x} and R_{A-y} are taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a carbocycle of three, four, five, six, or seven carbon atoms, optionally where one carbon atom is replaced by a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, and -NR_{N-2}- and R_{A-aryl} is the same as R_{N-aryl} ;

(IV) -cyclopentyl, -cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl ring fused to R_{A-aryl} , where R_{A-aryl} is as defined above where one carbon of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl is optionally replaced with NH, NR_{N-5} , O, or $S(=0)_{0-2}$, and where cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl can be optionally substituted with one or two $-C_1-C_3$ alkyl, -F, -OH, -SH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, =0, or $-NR_{1-a}R_{1-b}$ where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(V) $-CH(-CH_2-OH)-CH(-OH)-phenyl-NO_2$,

(VI) -H

(VII)

-C=OC(HR $_{6}$)NHR $_{7}$, where R $_{6}$ and R $_{7}$ are as defined below

-C=OR $_7$, where R $_7$ is as defined below, or

-C=OOR $_{7}$, where R $_{7}$ is as defined below, or $-SOOR_7$ where R_7 is as defined below, wherein R₆ is: hydrogen $C_1 - C_3 \text{ alkyl}$ phenyl, thioalkoxyalkyl, alkyl substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, haloalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl aminoalkyl, (N-protected) aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, ((N-protected)(alkyl)amino)alkyl dialkylaminoalkyl, guanidinoalkyl, lower alkenyl, heterocyclic,

(heterocyclic)alkyl), arylthioalkyl, arylsulfonyalkyl, (heterocyclic) thioalkyl, (heterocyclic) sulfonylalkyl, (heterocyclic)oxyalkyl, arylalkoxyalkyl, arylthioalkoxyalkyl, arylalkylsulfonylalkyl, (heterocyclic))alkoxyalkyl, (heterocyclic) thioalkoxyalkyl, (heterocyclic) alkylsulfonylalkyl, cycloalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkylsulfonylalkyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, aroylalkyl, (heterocyclic) carbonylalkyl, polyhydroxyalkyl,

aminocarbonylalkyl,
alkylaminocarbonylalkyl,
dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl,
aryloxyalkyl, or
alkylsulfonylalkyl,

wherein heterocyclic is pyridyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl and tetrahydro[2H]pyranyl and wherein the heterocycle is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkoxy, polyalkoxy, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, COOH, -SO₃H, lower alkenyl or lower alkyl;

wherein R₇ is:

C₁ - C₆ alkyl,
phenyl,
thioalkoxyalkyl,
(aryl)alkyl,
cycloalkyl,
cycloalkylalkyl,
hydroxyalkyl,
alkoxyalkyl,
aryloxyalkyl,
haloalkyl,

carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, aminoalkyl, (N-protected) aminocalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, ((N-protected)(alkyl)amino)alkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, guanidinoalkyl, lower alkenyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl), arylthioalkyl, arylsulfonylalkyl, (heterocyclic)thioalkyl, (hterocyclic)sulfonylalkyl (heterocyclic)oxyalkyl arylalkoxyalkyl, arylthioalkoxyalkyl, arylalkylsulfonylalkyl (heterocyclic)alkoxyalkyl, (heterocyclic)thioalkoxyalkyl (heterocyclic)alkylsulfonylalkyl cycloalkyloxyalkyl, cyclolakylthioalkyl,

cycloalkylsulfonylalkyl,
cycloalkylalkoxyalkyl,
cycloalkylthioalkoxyalkyl,
cycloalkylalkylsulfonylalkyl,
aminocarbonyl,
alkylaminocarbonyl,
dialkylaminocarbonyl,
aroylalkyl,
(heterocyclic)carbonylalkyl,
polyhydroxyalkyl,
aminocarbonylalkyl,
dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl,
aryloxyalkyl, or
alkylsulfonylalkyl,

wherein heterocyclic is pyridyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, and tetrahydro[2H]pyranyl and wherein the heterocycle is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkoxy, polyalkoxy, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, COOH, -SO₃H, lower alkenyl or lower alkyl;

where X is -N, or -O, with the proviso that when X is O, $R_{\mbox{\scriptsize B}}$ is absent;

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and when X is N,

R_B is:

(I) $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH,

-SH, -C≡N, CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -O-phenyl, -NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, -OC=O NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, -S(=O)₀₋₂ R_{1-a} where R_{1-a} is as defined above, -NR_{1-a}C=ONR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, -C=O NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above, and S(=O)₂ NR_{1-a}R_{1-b} where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(II) $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl where cycloalkyl can be optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_3 alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -SH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, -O-phenyl, -CO-OH, -CO-O- $(C_1-C_4$ alkyl), and $NR_{1-a}R_{1-b}$ where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above.

(III) $-(\text{CR}_{\text{B-x}}\text{R}_{\text{B-y}})_{\,\text{0-4}}\text{-R}_{\text{B-aryl}}$ where $\text{R}_{\text{B-x}}$ and $\text{R}_{\text{B-y}}$ are

- (A) -H
- (B) $C_1\text{--}C_4$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two -OH,
- (C) $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy optionally substituted with one, two or three of F,

(D) -
$$(CH_2)_{0-4}$$
- C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl,



- (E) $C_2\text{--}C_6$ alkenyl containing one or two double bonds,
- (F) $C_2\text{--}C_6$ alkynyl containing one or two triple bonds, or
 - (G) phenyl,

and where R_{B-x} and R_{B-y} are taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a carbocycle of three, four, five, six or seven carbon atoms, optionally where one carbon atom is replaced by a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, and $-NR_{N-2}$ where R_{N-2} is as defined above, and R_{B-aryl} is the same as R_{N-aryl} and is defined above

(IV)-CH(R_{B-aryl})₂ where R_{B-aryl} are the same or different and are as defined above,

(V) -cyclopentyl, -cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl ring fused to R_{B-aryl} or $R_{B-heteroaryl}$ or $R_{B-heterocycle}$ where R_{B-aryl} or $R_{B-heterocycle}$ are as defined above where one carbon of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl is optionally replaced with NH, NR_{N-5} , O, or $S(=0)_{0-2}$, and where cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or -cycloheptyl can be optionally substituted with one or two $-C_1-C_3$ alkyl, -F, -OH, -SH, $-C\equiv N$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, =0, and $NR_{1-a}R_{1-b}$ where R_{1-a} and R_{1-b} are as defined above,

(VI) -H.